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pleasure was of a sadistic type, derived from the phantasy of hurting with the saliva.

It is, however, in the various biting incidents that oral aggression and sadism is most plainly shown. I have already drawn attention to the fact that many of the biting incidents listed under the heading of aggression could properly have been included here also. For example (20.10.24), " Robert and Frank were digging in the garden, and found some worms. Mrs. I. was digging near them, and Frank said to Robert, ' Shall we put a worm down her back, so that it will bite her ? ' " It is probable that this was an erotic phantasy, not merely hostile. Those quoted here, however, show the erotic element beyond cavil. (11.10.25) " In the garden Tommy ran after Mrs. I. and caught her. He said, ' I'll kill you/ and called Christopher and Penelope to * come and help me push her down and kill her —and make her into ice-cream'. Then to Mrs. I, 'I like ice-cream! It will be pink ice-cream ! I like ice ! ' " (2.2.26) "At lunch there was some talk about ' cutting Mrs. I. up', and 'having her for dinner'. Priscilla said she would ' have her head', Christopher, 'her finger', Dan, 'from her tummy to her bottom'. " (P. 115) " X., a girl, when about nine years of age, was playing at ' Postman's Knock', and called out of the room a boy ' sweetheart' of the same age, to give him a letter', i.e. a kiss. At the critical moment, she was overcome with shyness and offered him ' a bite of her apple' (which she was eating) 'instead'. To her great chagrin, he took this instead of the kiss." (Autumn 1927) : " Denis throughout the term was very fond of biting the finger of any grown-up he passed near, and unless prevented would bite quite

hard. This was not done in apparent temper ;
and when one
refused to let him bite, he would sometimes
say, ' Then
I'll kiss you,' and kiss instead." With Denis
biting was
distinctly a love habit and there was little
evidence of pure
aggression. What was so striking in his case was
the plain
transition from biting to kissing, when he was
denied the more
primitive sadistic indulgence.

The study of unconscious phantasy in normal
and abnormal
patients alike (as well as of certain perversions)
shows that the
infant's biting of the breast, appearing in the
second quarter
of his first year, is actually a primitive mode of
love as well as
of aggression. Every young infant shows at a
certain stage